



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 11, 2015

SB 707 Senator Eckardt

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX RETURNS – MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALEERS – DUE DATE

Allowing the Comptroller to specify, by regulation, the date or dates on which alcoholic beverage manufacturers or wholesalers with specified sales, deliveries, or transfers of specified alcoholic beverages must file an alcoholic beverage tax return; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 5-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 708 Senator Conway

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CLAUSES – CHANGE ORDERS (STATE PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER FAIRNESS ACT)

Requiring each State procurement contract for construction to include a change order clause that prohibits a contractor from requiring a subcontractor to complete work under a change order except under specified circumstances, allows a prime contractor or subcontractor to stop work under specified circumstances, requires a prime contractor to include in its subcontracts a specified clause, and prohibits specified persons from taking specified action under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SF, §§ 11-203(b)(1), (c), (e)(5), and (h) and 15-226(c) - amended and § 13-219.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 709 Senator Conway**NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE LEASES –
CONSIDERATION OF USER CONFLICTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consider potential user conflicts, including navigation, recreation, and commercial fishing, in determining the location of submerged land aquaculture leases in the Chesapeake Bay and water column aquaculture leases in the waters of the State; requiring the Department to mitigate and minimize the effects of the proposed location of specified aquaculture leasing areas on other users if the Department determines that conflicts exist; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, §§ 4-11A-05(b)(3), 4-11A-06, 4-11A-07(e), and 4-11A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 710 Senator Conway**BALTIMORE CITY – PARTIALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD**

Increasing the number of members of the Baltimore City School Commissioners; requiring the three board members be elected at large by the voters of Baltimore City; altering the length of a term of the members of the board; requiring specified board members to be elected at a specified election and in accordance with specified provisions of law; providing for the staggering of the terms of specified members; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 3-108.1 and 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 711 Senator Raskin**ELECTION LAW – VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT – PREPAID
POSTAGE FOR THE RETURN OF BALLOTS**

Requiring that specified required envelopes used by specified voters voting by absentee ballot to return their ballots include prepaid postage; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse counties for the costs of prepaid postage for the absentee ballot envelopes used by specified voters for absentee voting; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 9-310 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 712 Senator Edwards**NATURAL GAS SEVERANCE TAX AND IMPACT ACCOUNT**

Imposing a tax on the production of natural gas from specified wells in the State; setting the rate of the tax at 2.5% of the gross fair market value of natural gas produced at the wellhead; providing for the administration of the tax by the Comptroller; providing for the distribution of revenue from the tax; establishing the Natural Gas Impact Account as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Oil and Gas Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment to administer the Account; specifying the contents of the Account; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, Various Sections - added and amended and EN, § 14-124.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 713 Senators Edwards and Serafini**STATE GOVERNMENT – LEGISLATION IMPACTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND USE DECISIONS – ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSES**

Requiring specified Executive Branch agencies and the Department of Legislative Services to prepare economic impact analyses for specified bills that impact local government land use decisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SG, § 2-1505.3 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 714 Senators Feldman and Rosapepe**MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; and extending until June 30, 2020, the termination date for the Council.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 400 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1(h) and 2, as amended and Chapter 401 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 1(h) and 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 715 Senator Edwards**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GARRETT COUNTY – MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE**

Requiring the holder of a special multiple event Class C license in Garrett County to ensure that at least one individual who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served; authorizing the license holder to store specified alcoholic beverages between specified events under specified circumstances and conditions; providing that a license holder who violates the Act is subject to specified fines and denial of specified licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 7-101(p) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 716 Senator Raskin, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – CHECKPOINTS – PROHIBITION ON TARGETING MOTORCYCLES**

Prohibiting a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint from targeting only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation; creating a specified exception to the prohibition for a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint established as part of a police search or investigation; providing for the construction of a provision of law governing obedience to a lawful order or direction of a police officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-103 - amended and § 25-114 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 717 Senator Montgomery**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**

Requiring hospitals, related institutions, alternative health systems, and employers to report specified employment actions and terminations of employment of athletic trainers and physician assistants to the State Board of Physicians, subject to specified exceptions; requiring athletic trainers and physician assistants to notify hospitals, related institutions, alternative health systems, or employers of a decision to enter an alcohol or a drug treatment program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 14-5D-14.1 and 15-314.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 718 Senator Hough**STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN – SECURITY POLICY**

Requiring the statewide information technology master plan developed by the Secretary of Information Technology to include a specified policy requiring specified vendors to establish that an information technology product or piece of equipment is safe from embedded security threats.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 3A-304 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 719 Senator Ready, et al**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE ON SUNDAYS FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS A LICENSES**

Altering the hours of sale on Sundays from between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. for holders of Class A licenses in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 11-507 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 720 Senator Ready, et al**MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – CARROLL COUNTY – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Carroll County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Carroll County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 721 **Senator Ready, et al****CARROLL COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS**

Making the Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights applicable to correctional officers in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 11-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 10, 2015**SB 451** **Senator Guzzone****VEHICLE LAWS – TITLE FEES – RENTAL VEHICLES**

Making permanent a \$50 fee for a certificate of title for a rental vehicle; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, on application by an owner of a rental vehicle titled during a specified period of time, to refund a specified amount of the title fee collected from the owner; and stating the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 13-802 - amended

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation